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REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Notice of Allowance dated April 13, 2006.

Applicants thank the Examiner for Allowing Claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-20 and 22-33. Claims 1, 3, 10-11, 18-19 and 26-28 are amended herein. Claims 5, 13, and 21 have been cancelled. Hence, Claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-20 and 22-33 are pending (original claim numbering retained herein).

The amendments to the claims as indicated herein do not add any new matter to this application. Furthermore, amendments made to the claims as indicated herein have been made to exclusively improve readability and clarity of the claims and not for the purpose of overcoming alleged prior art. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's review, approval and entry of the amendments.

Applicants acknowledge the telephone conference with the Examiner on June 1, 2006 at approximately 12:45 pm, PDT. To the extent that the telephone conference constituted an interview, Applicants summarize the proceedings thereof as follows:

The amendments herein were discussed with the Examiner, who requested that Applicants transmit the amendments for the Examiner's consideration via facsimile as an Amendment Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.312. Applicants respectfully comply with that request with the present amendment.

All of the pending claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-20 and 22-33 are presently Allowed. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments herein pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.312, as discussed with the Examiner telephonically.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone relating to any issue that would advance examination of the present application.

If any applicable fee is missing or insufficient, throughout the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any applicable fees and to credit

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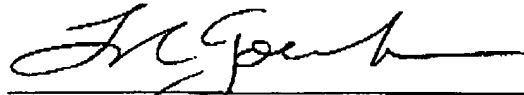
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any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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